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In the Claims:

1 1. (Currently amended) A midsole structure for an athletic
2 shoe comprising:

3 a first midsole formed of a soft elastic material; and
4 a wavy plate assembly; ~~assembly disposed at said~~
5 ~~midsole;~~

6 wherein said wavy plate assembly ~~is composed of~~
7 comprises a wavy board disposed on a lower surface of said
8 first midsole, and a sidewall ~~member that member,~~

9 wherein said sidewall member is provided discretely
10 from said wavy board ~~and that board, and~~

11 wherein said sidewall member includes a wavy bottom
12 portion disposed at and laterally overlapping only a
13 laterally-limited side edge portion of said wavy board
14 adjoining a first side edge of said wavy board, and an
15 upraised portion extending upwardly from said wavy bottom
16 portion to face a side surface of said first midsole.

1 2. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said
2 wavy bottom portion is disposed under said wavy board to
3 support a lower surface of said wavy board.

1 3. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein
2 said midsole structure further includes a second midsole,
3 which is disposed under said first midsole, and said wavy
4 plate assembly is interposed between said first midsole and
5 said second midsole.

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- 1 4. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of ~~claim 3~~ claim 3,
2 further comprising a second wavy board interposed between
3 said first midsole and said second midsole, said second
4 wavy board being disposed under said wavy plate assembly.
- 1 5. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein
2 said sidewall member is provided on one side of opposite
3 ~~ends~~ sides of said wavy board ~~[[and]]~~ and, on the other
4 side of the opposite ~~ends~~ sides of said wavy board, an
5 upraised portion is integrally formed with said wavy board.
- 1 6. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 1, further
2 comprising another ~~wherein said sidewall member is composed~~
3 ~~of a pair of sidewall members each member, wherein said~~
4 sidewall members are respectively disposed on opposite
5 sides of said wavy board.
- 1 7. (Currently amended) A midsole structure of claim 3, wherein
2 said sidewall member ~~include~~ includes a downwardly
3 extending portion that faces a side surface of said second
4 midsole.
- 1 8. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said
2 sidewall member is formed of a different material than the
3 wavy board.

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- 1 9. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said
2 upraised portion of said sidewall member is adapted to
3 engage a strap that wraps around an upper of the shoe.
- 1 10. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 9, wherein said
2 strap wraps around a heel rear end portion of said upper.
- 1 11. (Original) A midsole structure of claim 9, wherein said
2 strap wraps around an instep portion of said upper.
- 1 12. (New) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said wavy
2 board extends continuously laterally under said first
3 midsole.
- 1 13. (New) A midsole structure of claim 1, wherein said sidewall
2 member has an L-shaped cross sectional shape formed by said
3 upraised portion and said wavy bottom portion.
- 1 14. (New) A midsole structure of claim 4, wherein said second
2 wavy board has second wavy corrugations located relative to
3 first wavy corrugations of said wavy board of said wavy
4 plate assembly so as to form voids therebetween.
- 1 15. (New) A midsole structure for an athletic shoe comprising:
2 a midsole formed of a soft elastic material; and
3 a wavy plate assembly disposed at said midsole;
4 wherein:

5 said wavy plate assembly is composed of a wavy board
6 disposed on a lower surface of said midsole and a sidewall
7 member provided discretely from said wavy board,

8 said sidewall member includes a wavy bottom portion
9 overlapping said wavy board and an upraised portion
10 extending upwardly from said wavy bottom portion to face a
11 side surface of said midsole, and

12 said upraised portion of said sidewall member is
13 adapted to engage a strap that wraps around an upper of the
14 shoe.

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